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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the amendment and the following remarks. Support for amended claim 8 can be found in the original claim 8. The applicants have amended claim 8 as suggested by the Examiner.

The applicants would like to thank Examiner Shah for the interview conducted on June 10, 1993. An agreement was not reached. The following was discussed: (1) The applicants provided a copy of the stamped postcard for the declaration of Mr. Pippenger. (2) The Examiner suggested that the term "organic material" in claim 8 be changed to "a polymer of olefinically unsaturated monomer". The term "organic material" only appeared in claim 8 and the applicants have amended this as suggested by the Examiner. (3) The Examiner wanted the applicants to check if applicants' claims 44 and 11, claim the same subject matter as that in the Babillis et al. patent, Patent No. 4,962,144, hereinafter referred to as "Babillis". Babillis states at column 3, lines 3-13 that they are using a phosphorus containing compound utilized that has the empirical formula C₃₀H₄₄PO₂F which is available from Ethyl. This material is the same material that Ethyl claimed in claim 1. Babillis claims this material with a polycarbonate in claims 1-5 which corresponds to Ethyl's claims 11 and 44. Since claims 1 through 5 of the Babillis patent corresponds to Ethyl's claims 44 and 11, an interference should be provoked. (4) The applicants clarified that support for the Markush grouping for aryl is found at column 2, lines 23-25 of the application. (5) The applicants will submit another declaration upon termination of the interference. Lester Burton is no longer employed by Ethyl. The applicants would prefer to submit only one more declaration of Lester Burton (preferably at the close of Serial No. 07/714,441

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the prosecution of this application including the interference). The applicants believe that the only outstanding issue is the declaration of an interference with the Babillis patent. If the Examiner feels that there is still something else outstanding, the applicants would appreciate if the Examiner would call the undersigned at (302) 658-9141.

A one month extension fee has been paid.

If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, including any fees required for an additional extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, such an extension is requested and the Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-2775.

For the reasons set forth above, Applicants believe that the claims are patentable over the references cited and applied by the Examiner and a prompt and favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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